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Coming Together at Night to Unite

Sharing was a common theme for this year's Night to Unite: sharing experiences, sharing concerns, and sharing information. Neighbors gathered in streets, cul-de-sacs, driveways, yards and homes. This year certainly continued the tradition of fun, but for many neighborhoods, it went a step further.

Crime Watch Block Captains and neighborhood helpers hosted approximately 75 block parties this year, and each one was unique. On Dana Court, police officers offered warnings and advice as neighbors talked about scam letters and phone calls they had recently experienced. On Riverview Terrace, host Julie did an excellent job of introducing new neighbors and helping everyone in the area connect. In Creekridge Park, the energy was high in traditional Minnesotan-style with a lot of food, great company and laughter. On Trollhagen Drive, kids learned about fire safety as adults shared thoughts about future development in the city.

In the southeast corner of the city, the tradition of Night to Unite continued with one of the larger block parties on Ranier Pass. Residents of both Fridley and Columbia Heights, representing a range of generations, were officially welcomed by the adorable Jane, recently crowned Little Miss Columbia Heights. Moving west, Public Works staff stopped in the Summit Manor neighborhood to talk about upcoming street improvements. City staff passed out

recycling magnets and shared information about cardboard and other recyclables at Highland Park Apartments and Village Green.

Residents shared stories and concerns, learned the names of familiar faces and got to know who on the block cooked the best dishes. Neighborhood resource officers connected with residents, and even K-9 Nitro made his rounds, celebrating his 6th year with Night to Unite. City Council members also divided up to visit as many registered parties as possible. As always, police squad cars and fire trucks were a big hit.

Thank you block captains for being partners in keeping our city safe. Night to Unite is a celebration of community relationships that are built throughout the entire year. You make the difference, and we encourage everyone to get involved with Neighborhood Watch. A special thank you to Bob's Produce for supplying peaches to every registered block party – certainly a crowd favorite! Also, thank you to Target, Dairy Queen and Hoffman Weber Construction for helping to support this wonderful community program.



The theme for this year's Night to Unite was scam prevention.

Fridley Police provided block captains with a quiz that they used to share personal experiences and jumpstart discussions. It is astonishing how many Fridley residents have been contacted by scammers either over the phone, by email or through the mail. Scammers use aggression, scare tactics, threats and emotions to try to steal your money. Partnerships with Police, with City leaders and officials, and with neighbors help you understand what types of scams are happening and what resources you have available for prevention. Trust your instincts. Never send money or share personal information without doing a little homework.

What you should know about money scams:

- The IRS or any other government agency will never call demanding money or threatening jail time. A true government agency will always send an official,

written notification through US Mail of any tax due. They will never request credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone or email.

- Door-to-Door Sales need to be licensed through the City of Fridley and you should ask to see their solicitor's permit. We require criminal background checks on all solicitors to offer you some protection. A common solicitor concern this time of year is with alarm sales. Aggressive tactics are used to convince homeowners to purchase expensive equipment or services that you may not need or want. Changes or upgrades from your current service provider are normally announced by mail, not by an unannounced visitor.
- Be wary of any "limited-time offers" that require immediate action without giving you time to investigate or verify.
- You have the right to ask a salesperson to leave.

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Community Development News

What’s Coming, What’s Going and What’s Changing

Northern Stacks (4800 East River Road)

This 122-acre development is moving forward ahead of schedule! Over a million square feet of the original Northern Pump/FMC/BAE building is already gone, no longer even evident on the site.

The northern portion of the building will remain and be re-faced and given a modern exterior. This portion will continue to house BAE’s highly technical divisions such as engineering. The southern end of this portion will house a cafeteria for on-site dining for BAE staff and visitors. Indoor dining and an outdoor patio will make it an enjoyable place for lunch, in an area that currently has few food options.

The exterior elevation transformation will include a finish sometimes called digital camouflage which will present a very smart high-tech appearance to match the work going on within its walls.

Paul Hyde, developer for Northern Stacks, would like to begin footings for the next office industrial building before winter. This one will be on the southwest corner of the campus, positioned between the new building at the southeast corner and East River Road.



FUN FACT!

The historic brick smoke stacks (with the prestigious Battle-E awards proudly displayed) will NOT be demolished. Those stacks are the namesake of the industrial development and will not only remain but will lead visitors to a small, on-site artifact museum, planned by the developer to pay homage to the history of the site. The esteemed Battle-E awards are given normally only to military ships, but were instead given to this unique manufacturing complex.

Fridley Market (University Ave and I-694 area)

Plans are underway for a new 8,400 sq. ft. building in the area between McDonald’s (on 57th Avenue) and the Holiday Gas Station. Proposed new tenants for the building include Caribou Coffee, Great Clips and Pancheros Mexican Grille. Construction is likely to start soon on this project. As of the time of this article, the city is awaiting announcement from Tri-Land Development regarding their selected contractor before work begins.

Also within this Tri-Land Development area, a preliminary plat has been approved by the City Council for the addition of a 124-bed hotel called WoodSpring Suites®. It is possible that construction will begin this fall for this addition as well.



Cielo Apartments (University Ave NE between 58th and 61st Avenues)

The first building of the Cielo complex is really beginning to take shape and giving us a general idea of what the final product will look like. Here are a few answers to commonly asked questions:

Q. Is the building going to remain that green color?
A. No. The green board currently exposed is a very high quality subsurface for the wall that replaces the more traditional building sheathing and building paper. The green exterior serves as a replacement for the building paper itself. Exterior surfaces will be covered with earth-toned materials such as brick, stone or architectural panels or tiles.



Q. What is that on the white part on the walls of the bottom floor?
A. That is the garage. Access will be on the east side of the building. The garage parking is secured for residents, and guests will park on the east side in designated parking areas. This portion of the building is white because it is a special concrete form that insulates the wall and bonds the concrete for strength. This surface, similar to the green surface, will eventually be covered with earth-toned finished materials.

Central and 53rd Avenue

A new building is emerging on the corner of 53rd Avenue and Central where the former gas station and convenience store once stood. Starbucks Coffee will be moving into the south end of the building, with a drive through window on the West and South sides. AT&T will be on the building’s north end.

A third tenant is expected to be a restaurant, which has yet to be announced.

Q. Are those vertical concrete posts that were recently poured to affix high barricade bumpers?

A. No, those concrete posts are the interior surfaces that will soon have brick attached to and surrounding them. Stone caps on top of them will be the finishing touch. They are designed to match/complement the existing brick bollards along this segment of University and eventually attached to black aluminum fence sections.

Q. Why is the building so close to the road?

A. This is a purposeful design that makes the building more prominent and is the first large-scale design as part of the City’s Transit Oriented District (TOD). Once completed, a very nice landscape plan will be installed including a new sidewalk and bollard lighting. This will add a lighted dimension along University Avenue and introduce a new sense of vitality when combined with the architecture of the building.

Q. When will construction be complete?

A. Trident Development indicates the project will take a year to build and a year to fill. The building is expected to be completed around the first quarter of 2016, and during the first quarter of 2017 the second building will likely be ready to build. Both buildings will have a similar look with a skyway connecting them.

Q. Is this a low income development?

A. No, this is a Market Rate Complex and a minimum annual household income of \$40,000 will be required to qualify to rent.



A Trip Down Memory Lane

Most of us remember Columbia Arena for youth hockey or the slice of fame it brought Fridley with filming of Mighty Ducks D-3, but for Gretchen Nicholls it brings back fond memories of “The Muppets.”

If her name sounds familiar, it is because Gretchen played a vital role in the Columbia Arena discussions as the facilitator at the public workshops



last spring. Her history with Columbia Arena keeps this project close to her heart. No, she did not skate. She was a breakdancer – a Fozzie Bear breakdancer with The Muppet Show on Tour stage show!

“We rehearsed the show for a month at the Columbia Arena back in 1984,” remembers Gretchen. “Breakdancing in a bear suit is certainly not easy. The audience loved it when I started spinning on the ground, or threw a wave from my fingertips down to my toes! The bear suit really accentuated the moves. I gave Fozzie a certain cool-factor (not that he wasn’t already cool).”

Gretchen’s Fozzie suit weighed 40 pounds, and she describes it as “wearing a big rug.” The costumes were designed so that the mouth could be operated through a hand-held mechanism which took a lot of practice to master. Gretchen worked closely with Jim Henson’s studio, especially his wife, Jane, to get it just right. The tour lasted a year and traveled by bus all across the county, including a month in New York. Gretchen’s act, “Rappin’ Fozzie,” was a show favorite.

Just another example of the history and brush with fame that lives in our hearts through the Columbia Arena.



Columbia Arena Update

Probably the most-asked about change in Fridley is the former Columbia Arena site. By the time this newsletter arrives in homes, arena demolition will likely be complete.

The layer of soil/sand spread across the north parking lot is the DNR and City consultant’s solution to release any vapors that may be trapped in the soil from the refrigeration process to create ice inside the building. When the soil is spread out, it releases any remnant vapors resulting in no contamination left and the soil can be managed like any other soil. Some may have noticed two piles of sand earlier. These were the test piles, proving that this spreading of the soil was successful in managing Freon vapor.

There is no exact timeline for what comes next. The City Council and HRA have reviewed the information created during the four citizen workshops that took place last spring. There was a clear public message from those sessions that a civic presence on this site would be important. The Council is taking that very seriously and evaluating the possibilities and costs involved.

At the September 28, 2015, Council meeting, the City Council will likely continue this discussion as they also consider the possibility of a new government complex to house City Hall, Police, Fire and Public Works, relocating certain portions and/or remodeling the current buildings to provide better accessibility and bring them up to code, and to address substantial repair and spacing issues. At this time, no decisions have been made, but by the time you read this, we may have more information. Nearly 800 hours of citizen input has gone into recommendations for the redevelopment of this area, and that is an invaluable resource for our City leaders.

If you were not able to attend the public workshops on Columbia Arena but are interested in learning more about what was discussed, you can find summaries and outcomes on our website at FridleyMN.gov. Simply type “Columbia Arena” in the search bar. Updates about the future of the Columbia Arena site will also be posted online as well.

fridley senior center events

Veterans Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 11
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Join us as we honor our veterans!
This popular event features the Fridley American Legion Color Guard and a keynote speaker followed by lunch.
Registration deadline is 11/2 or until filled.
\$2 / Free for veterans

FHS Dinner Theater: Hairspray

Thursday, November 19
5:45 – 9:30 p.m.
Don’t miss the annual High School Dinner Theater!
Register by 11/13.
\$15 includes dinner and reserved seating for the show

Plymouth Playhouse: A Sinatra Holiday Bash

Thursday, December 3
10:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays this year in swingin’ style with Old Blue Eyes. Enjoy your seasonal favorites and Sinatra classics with this special performance.
Register by 11/16.
\$60 includes lunch, show and transportation

Annual Lions Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 8
Starting at 1:00 p.m.
(Doors will not open before 12:30.)
In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Lions Holiday Dinner, we are planning a very special event in the newly remodeled Banquets of Minnesota! Enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch and top off the afternoon with music and dancing for only \$5.

New Venue!

Holiday Lights Tour

Wednesday, December 16 • 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Join us for this festive holiday event – for FREE!
Local school bus drivers volunteer for this twinkle lights tour followed by a wonderful holiday party complete with treats and entertainment. Transportation provided from Village Green, Norwood Square, Banfill Crossing and the Fridley Community Center.
No charge, but space is limited!

Register for any of these events online at FridleyMN.gov or call 763-572-5150.



Find out what everyone is talking about!
Join us for Pickleball Open Gym
Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sept 14 – Oct 19 and Nov 2 – Dec 7
Fun for the whole family!
Equipment provided.
\$3/person or \$6/family

Apartment Recycling Challenge

Recycling in Fridley apartment complexes is decreasing and currently sits at less than ¼ of the state requirement. Max Cowger, City Recycling and Sustainability Intern, dove into research and conversation to help improve this trend.

Step 1: Research

Visit to dumpster after dumpster led to the same results: people are throwing away too much cardboard, too many plastic bottles and too much junk mail. At the same time, he found every kind of trash imaginable in the recycling bins.

Step 2: Focus Group

Max invited a group of apartment managers, and City and County staff for a brainstorming session. They had one goal – raise awareness and develop a plan to improve recycling efforts. Everyone agreed that putting recyclables in the garbage drives up the cost of running a building, which can affect rent increases. It was interesting to learn that the apartment complexes with cameras in the garbage and recycling areas had fewer garbage-related problems and less dumping of mattresses and junk furniture. We also learned that some recycling haulers stop picking up recycling carts due to contamination by things such as grease.

Step 3: Educate

Our next step is to get every one on board! Recycling can be confusing, for both apartment residents and homeowners alike. What are #1 - 7 plastics? Pizza cardboard verses cereal boxes – what is the difference?

Don't give up! Recycling is an important and necessary effort for our future, and we want to help. Watch for new signs and posters, developed from the focus group meeting, to be posted in apartment hallways, laundry rooms, and on the recycling bins and garbage dumpsters—visual reminders of what can and can't be put in recycling containers.

You can also find a list online at FridleyMN.gov/recycleguide.

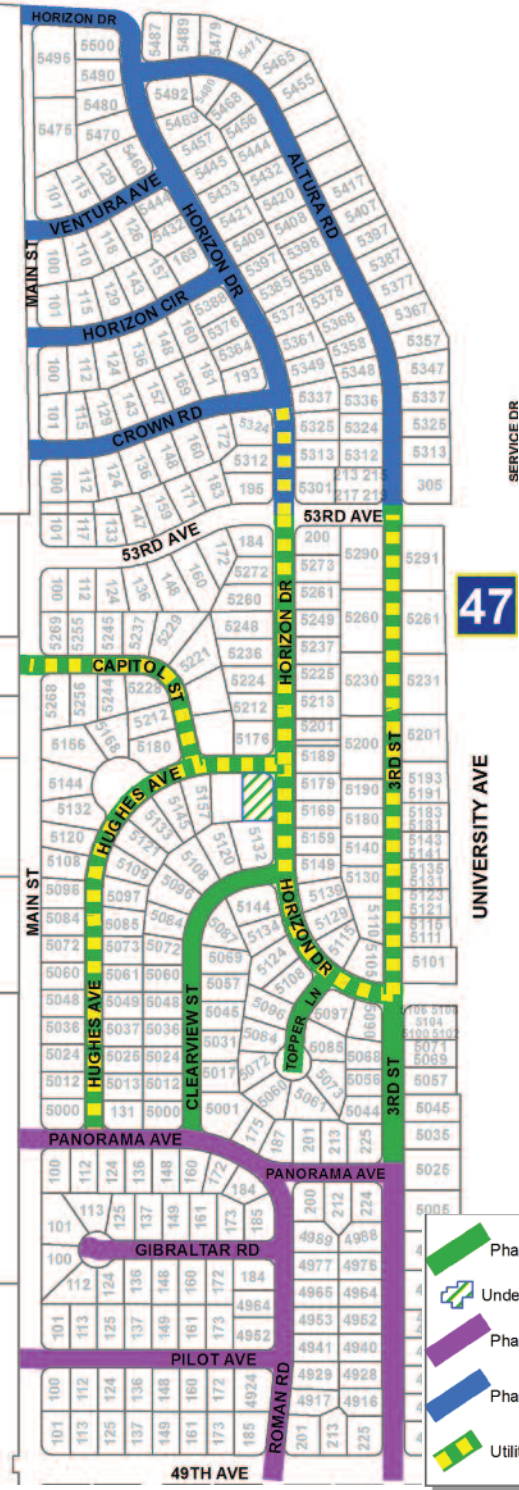


Public Works Update

2015 Street Improvement Project

Work has begun for the 2015 Street Improvement Project. City Council accepted a proposed bid from Kuechle Underground in August, 15% below the total project budget. The project is underway in the Summit Manor neighborhood, south of I-694 and west of University Avenue, and includes 2.8 miles of street rehabilitation. Every local street in this area, with the exception of 53rd Avenue, will be under construction sometime through August 2016. Work being done includes recycling of existing pavement and new street surfacing, and replacement of portions of existing sanitary sewer and watermain. CenterPoint Energy is also completing gas main replacement as a part of this project. Thank you for your patience as we improve and prolong the life of Fridley streets. Please remember to be safe and drive cautiously wherever you see construction warning signs and cones.

See the project web page at FridleyMN.gov (search for street project), or contact Fridley Engineering at 763-572-3552 if you need additional information.



Stormwater Upgrades

We are excited to continue efforts to help keep the River clean. On July 14, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) provided \$342,000 to the City of Fridley for additional water quality improvements as a part of the 2015 Street Project. These funds will not only help treat stormwater runoff, but will also allow for sanitary sewer reconstruction to improve performance and reduce sewer maintenance. These sewer improvements include the following areas:

- Horizon Drive from 3rd Street to 53rd Avenue



- Hughes Avenue from Panorama Avenue to Horizon Drive
- Capitol Street north of Hughes Avenue

Construction on these improvements will be coordinated with the 2015 Street Project.

Additional Sewer Improvements

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) is currently making sewer upgrades in Fridley, which will continue through October 2016. The area affected is parallel to the railroad tracks that are west of University Avenue from 73rd Avenue NE on the north end, to Mississippi Street NE on the south end, passing through the western edges of Fridley Community Park and Plaza Park. A half-mile stretch of Rice Creek Trail is currently closed in this area.

Updates on this project can be found on the MCES website: www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstructionupdates.



Old Springbrook boardwalk, almost 30 years old

Springbrook Floating Boardwalk

One of the most exciting improvements this fall is the replacement of the floating boardwalk at Springbrook Nature Center.

Springbrook Nature Center.

“When first-time park guests stop into Springbrook, I always encourage them to visit the 850 feet of floating boardwalk that spans the wetlands in the southwest corner of our park,” says Springbrook Director Mike Maher. “It is an incredible experience to walk atop the water, nestled amongst cattails, and peer down to see swimming turtles, ducks, geese, water striders and red-winged blackbird nests.”

Most visitors find this feature to be a highlight of their visit. The floating boardwalk was installed in 1988 and has withstood 27 years of wind, rising water levels, and millions of footsteps. This use has taken its toll and replacement of the walkway became necessary for safety and accessibility.

The new boardwalk will be 8 feet wide and will feature an observation and education platform outside of the walkway. This will allow plenty of space for strollers, wheelchairs, and walkers to pass, and provide a special place where students can access the water to explore, observe and monitor water quality.

Public Works staff is currently working on this upgrade and expect it to be ready for use by early-to-mid October.

Celebrating Fridley’s Past

A quiet little schoolhouse, built in 1931, still stands near Hayes Elementary. Even when the tornadoes of 1965 tore apart Hayes, this building stood unscathed. It was once known as the Fridley District 23 School, later as Hayes Annex, and now it is the Fridley History Center.

The schoolhouse was scheduled for demolition in 1985, until a group of volunteers banded together to save it, and the Fridley Historical Society was born. The museum now serves the Fridley community by preserving our rich history. We are fortunate to have such a resource for our city, and much like our history, the Fridley History Center is unique. We are the only community in Anoka County to have our own local museum.

The sheer number of events planned by the Fridley Historical Society this year alone is amazing. Their commemoration of the 1965 tornadoes received state-wide coverage across major television stations and newspapers, resulting in a record-setting attendance of over 800 guests at the ceremony on May 6, 2015.

“I learned so much,” says Fridley Historical Society president and event organizer Dorothy Gargaro. “I had no idea how many people were impacted and continue to be passionate about those tornadoes until I started hearing the stories.” Now you can share in those heartfelt stories through a permanent exhibit available at the Fridley History Center.

Board member Al Taylor was also instrumental in the months leading up to the tornado memorial. Al, author of “The Night the Sirens Blew” and “Hidden Revealed” spent most of April speaking about tornado history, and he also donates a portion of his book profits back to the Fridley Historical Society. Fundraising efforts are essential as this non-profit organization receives no public funding. The maintenance and operation of the museum are funded through memberships (the Society currently has 250 members), local fundraisers, and the tireless efforts of volunteers.



Other Popular Events This Year

- **Manomin on the Mississippi – Fridley’s River History Tour**
This sold-out event, first introduced in 2014 by Julie Doth from the Fridley ‘49er Days Committee, coincides each year with ‘49er Days, and includes a step back in time as guests tour the city aboard a vintage bus. They are greeted at various stops by costumed characters portraying early settlers including Mr. Fridley by Mayor Scott Lund, Nancy Banfill by Dorothy Gargaro, and Mrs. Ida Riedel by Mary Ann Hoffman.



Fridley Historical Society board.
Top: Mary Sue Meyers, Allen Taylor, Pete Bonesteel.
Bottom: Lori Greiner, Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Ann Hoffman (not pictured: Judy Anderson)

- **What’s it Worth?- Antique Appraisals**
During this series of 4 appraisal events, over 175 people brought in almost 400 items for valuation. Appraiser Mark Moran (known for his role in the PBS series The Antique Roadshow), hosted what is likely the last appraisal event in August. “It was a very successful fundraiser for us,” says Mary Ann Hoffman. “We cleared \$1,000 over the course of all four appraisal events.”
- **Community Outreach**
On August 12, the History Center welcomed visitors with entertainment and ice cream as they thanked local businesses for their support and offered tours of the new tornado exhibit during the 20th annual August Fest. In September, the Society joined Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts for a day of fun and education at Rice Park, and October brings the on-going trivia contest.

“We are always looking for more players,” says Mary Ann. “The trivia nights are a fun way to welcome more people to the center, and we play all categories, not just history.” They go all out with timing equipment, buzzers and even an MC!

Coming Up Next...

Saturday, November 7, marks the 12th annual Fridley Hall of Fame luncheon to “recognize and honor those individuals who, through dedication, work and accomplishment, have contributed most significantly to the growth and success of the City of Fridley.” (2014 Fridley Historical Society Hall of Fame program.) Look for this year’s honorees in the December edition of *Community Connection*.

And Don’t Miss...

- **The Roarin’ 20s Holiday Display:**
Saturdays, November 14 – December 19
This free exhibit includes authentic 1920s décor, a bridal ensemble and a speakeasy! Each year the History Center showcases a different era for the holiday season.
- **The annual Kindergarten Art Fair:**
Saturday, December 12
The talents of young artists from Stevenson and Hayes Elementary will be featured at the museum. Families and friends are invited to come view, take pictures and enjoy treats.

This is just a small sample of the countless contributions the Fridley Historical Society offers to the community. Dorothy Gargaro, board member since 2007, jokes that she was tricked into involvement, but her commitment to the History Center is undeniable. “I just love Fridley,” explains Dorothy. “We have such a great, rich history.” Her first project when she joined was the creation and publication of a book on Fridley’s history. “When you become involved with something so fascinating, how can you ever walk away?”

Get Involved in Preserving Fridley History

1. The Fridley Historical Society is always looking for help. This all-volunteer organization needs helping hands to continue preserving Fridley’s past.
2. They accept most Fridley-related historical artifacts.
3. Come to an event!
4. Become a member and/or donate. Annual membership to the Fridley Historical Society is as low as \$12.50. They also accept monetary donations, and prize/raffle gifts for their events.
5. Visit the Fridley History Center.
6. Purchase a DVD of the 50th anniversary of the 1965 tornadoes commemoration program. Hear the stories first-hand from those who lived through Fridley’s “Night of Terror.” Available for \$10 from the Fridley Historical Society (\$15 if mailed).

To learn more about the Fridley History Center and Fridley’s Historical Society, visit FridleyHistory.org or call 763-571-0120.



The ZONE

“My favorite thing about the Zone is meeting new people and getting new friends.”
~ Isabella

“I’ve been coming to the Zone for 3 years because I know I’m going to have fun every day.”
~ Cohen

“I come to the Zone because I like seeing my friends and playing all the fun games here.”
~ Dom’nick

“My favorite part is the foosball tables!”
~ Katelyn

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Fridley Community Calendar

October

- 1 HRA Meeting
- 3 Residential Recycling Drop-off
- 3 Fire Prevention Open House
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 5 Charter Commission
- 7 Appeals Commission
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 17 Pumpkin Night at Springbrook
- 21 Planning Commission
- 26 City Council Meeting

November

- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 2 Charter Commission
- 4 Appeals Commission
- 5 HRA Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 10 Environment Quality & Energy Commission
- 11 City Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- 18 Planning Commission
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 26-27 City Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Municipal Center, 6431 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 at least one week in advance.

Fridley Alumni Choir Celebrates 20 Years

Since 1996, Fridley High School alumni have gathered to share their love of music. As they celebrate their 20th anniversary, the choir invites you to join them for two free concerts to kick off the holiday season.

Sunday, November 22,
at Fridley United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 6,
at the Fridley High School auditorium
Both concerts start at 4:00 p.m.

This year, the choir will feature the world premiere of a new, specially-commissioned piece by renowned Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, titled “Out of the Ashes.” From the beginning through 2004, the Fridley Alumni Choir was under the direction of long-time, well-respected Fridley teacher Dave Ryan. It is now directed by ’75 alum Randy Edinger.

Concerts are free, however, a hat is passed for a freewill offering. Money raised goes toward scholarships for Fridley High School students or for district improvements. Past donations have purchased new risers and a new piano.

Former FHS choir members are welcome to join the choir onstage on December 6 for *The Hallelujah Chorus*.

Choir member Kay Herrmann is happy to answer any questions about the choir or upcoming concerts at 763-571-1562.

Large Scale Recycling at Northern Stacks

A true commitment to recycling can be a challenge, well worth the effort for the impact it has on our future. But if we sometimes struggle, imagine what contractors and developers face with large projects. No one understands this better than Hyde Development and Braun Intertec as they work on the Northern Stacks/BAE Project.

“Recycling is an important aspect of projects like Northern Stacks,” said Mike Beck of Braun Intertec, engineering consultant for the project. “Green demolition and construction practices are inherent in the success of all our brownfield redevelopment projects.”

This project sets the bar high when it comes to recycling. They have found ways to reuse hundreds of thousands of tons of material, effectively minimizing the scrap and debris that goes to landfills. Recycling as many materials as possible is not only good for the environment; it also reduces the overall project cost – a Win-Win.

Here is a partial list of the many materials recycled, salvaged or reused at Northern Stacks in Fridley:

- Asphalt from the site is being mixed with crushed concrete slabs, columns and foundations from the buildings and reused as an aggregate base for pavement areas like parking lots and roads.
- Metal rebar and mesh associated with the concrete has been recovered and recycled.
- Glass and the mercury inside light bulbs has been reclaimed and recycled.



Photo courtesy of Braun Intertec

- Structural steel and non-structural metals (e.g. tin, aluminum) were recovered.
- Copper was found on site in many forms and was recycled to the extent practical.
- Electrical switchgears, transformers, breakers, and generators were recycled.
- Boiler room equipment, chillers, computer room equipment and cooling systems, air compressors, five large cranes, smoke ventilators, steel platforms, and garbage cans were salvaged. All other electronics and equipment were recycled.
- Even old office furniture was recycled by removing fabric and plastic parts in order to recycle the metal components.

Now that is business recycling!



PUMPKIN NIGHT IN THE PARK

Join us for a SPOOKY good time!
October 17 • 6 - 10 p.m.
Special Surprises Await You
on Our Magical Trails
\$7 at gate, \$6 in advance
(Ages 2 and under free)

Springbrook Nature Center
100–85th Ave, Fridley • 763.572.3588

Learn more at
SpringbrookNatureCenter.org
or call (763) 572-3588.

Pumpkin Carvers Wanted:
week of October 11.
All supplies provided. Give us
a call to reserve a time.



Winter Sports Sign-up!

It's Almost Time to Register for Winter Sports!

Team registration opens on the following dates:
Basketball: October 5
Broomball and Boot Hockey: November 3

Find out more online at FridleyMN.gov/recreation.



Fridley Fire Explorers Complete at State Fair

The “Great Minnesota Get-Together” with food, fun, friends and fire? August heat is nothing compared to rushing into a burning building wearing several pounds of gear. The dedicated young adults in the Fridley Fire Explorers know this well as they proved at this year’s Minnesota State Fair.

The Governor’s Fire Prevention Day at the fair was August 28. This 17th annual event brought fire safety messages to over 100,000 people in a single day. Fair-goers learned about fire safety, saw vintage fire trucks, and witnessed the Explorer Challenge. Fire Explorers competed in 6 different events in which they were timed and judged. Events include raising ladders, CPR, spinal mobilization, presenting a public education topic, and performing search and rescue inside a simulated building. Vehicle extrication, a crowd favorite, was performed twice that day by Fridley Explorers.

The Fridley Explorer program allows young adults, 14-21 years, the exciting opportunity to explore a career as a firefighter.

“Fire Explorers gain a very impressive skillset,” says program lead Firefighter Dean Knowles, “Skills that get noticed by college recruiters and future employers in any field.”

Explorers learn side-by-side from working firefighters as they participate in training drills, learn about fire equipment and how to use it, receive first aid and CPR training, ride along on



real fire calls, attend community events as a member of the Fridley Fire Department, and gain real-world experience by shadowing firefighters on scheduled shifts.

The Fridley Fire Explorer program was first established in 1986. Today, they have 8 young adults training in these life-saving skills. Last year, Fridley took an impressive 3rd place in the State Fair Explorer Challenge against posts from all around the state. This year, competition was a little tougher, but they still worked hard and made an impressive display of the skills they are learning in the program.

The Fridley Fire Explorer program is open to youth in and around the area interested in exploring a career in firefighting and/or just wanting to gain some incredible life-skills. If you are interested in learning more about the Fridley Fire Explorer program, please visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/explorers, or call Fridley Fire at 763-572-3613.

Congratulations Fridley Fire

CenterPoint Energy awarded a \$1,300 grant to Fridley Fire in August. This award brings the Fire Department another step closer to their goal of improving water-related operations. These funds will cover half of the cost of purchasing new Rescue Vests (PFD) and cold water suits for water and ice rescue operations.

“At CenterPoint Energy, our number one priority is safety,” said Jean Krause, Community Relations Director for CenterPoint Energy. “Through these types of grant programs, we can strengthen the communities we serve.”

CenterPoint Energy’s Community Partnership Grant Program has contributed over \$1 million dollars to communities for safety initiatives over the past 13 years. Fridley Fire is honored to accept this recognition as they continue to strive to best serve our community.





New Fridley Firefighters currently in training at the Fire Academy. In August, they worked carefully on extrication training with Fire Lieutenant Todd Messer who has been with Fridley Fire for over 20 years.

Pictured from left to right: Katelyn Olaf, Adam Hopp, Kathryn Sivanich and Todd Messer.



Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**



EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
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Hear the Beep Where You Sleep

Location matters – Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm! If you were asked how many smoke alarms are in your home, could you answer? If you’re like most of us, you may not pay much attention to where smoke alarms have been installed.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10. This is our chance to remind you that small measures can save lives. This year’s theme: Hear the Beep Where You Sleep emphasizes the importance of location when it comes to smoke alarms. Alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home including the basement.

“In a fire, seconds count,” says John Berg, Fridley Fire Chief. “Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home fire alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.”

According to the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, three out of five deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

10 seconds + 1 finger = a life saved

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home
- Interconnect all smoke alarms. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least once a month. Simply push the test button — **10 seconds + 1 finger = a life saved**
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they don’t respond properly.
- Make sure everyone knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Go to your outside meeting place. Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

To learn more about smoke alarms and the “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep” campaign, visit NFPA’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org.



Prepare Your Home for Fall

Get ready for colder weather with a visit from Home Energy Squad Enhanced! The City of Fridley has partnered with this program to save you 50%!

- A \$50 (normally \$100) visit from Home Energy Squad Enhanced includes:
- Blower door test to check for air leaks
 - Insulation inspection
 - Safety check of your home’s heating system and water heater
 - Installation of energy saving materials: door weather stripping, programmable thermostat, CFLs, faucet aerators, shower heads and/or a water heater blanket.
 - Energy Fitness Report with recommendations for energy upgrades, rebate information and financing options

Visit www.mncee.org/hes-fridley or call (612) 335-5874 to schedule your visit today!

Belong to TEDxFridley on October 30

TEDxFridley made its debut in 2013 as TEDxFridley Public Schools, featuring students in an amazing showcase of the diverse talents from within the school district. The success of that event demonstrated the power of TEDx locally and inspired a group of volunteers, the TEDxFridley organizers, to celebrate the rich history of our area and branch out to the entire community.

Think of TEDxFridley 2015 as an intersection—where people with ideas meet listeners with open minds. Each talk will be a unique journey that pushes off from the same starting point—the theme “Belong.”

What does it mean to belong somewhere? Or not to belong? Or not want to belong?

A broad spectrum of thinkers will come together to explore the topic in an evening filled with music, food, entertainment and compelling conversation, which will be hosted by Congressman Keith Ellison.

Many have heard about TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) through the website

www.ted.com that features thousands of 5 to 18 minutes talks on a wide array of topics that are presented at TED events around the world. A TEDx event (the “x” means that the event is locally produced in the style and delivery of TED talks but not organized by TED) is about celebrating a specific community and its culture.



When you arrive at the Passion Event Center in Fridley at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30, you will connect with people you may never have met otherwise. TEDxFridley will provide a supportive environment where distinct ideas can be shared and curious souls can engage with ideas and each other. This diversity of thought is where brilliant ideas spring from—the type of concepts that can

transform our community and our world, if we rise to the challenge.

In addition to Congressman Keith Ellison, these speakers from Fridley and beyond will share their “ideas worth spreading”:

Nick Buettner – Your Personal Blue Zone

Robert Christenson – Lessons learned from Fridley

Amir Khadar – Why gender stereotypes are irrelevant

Rebecca Ebnet-Mavencamp – StoryCorps and the power of personal history

Cathy Gasiorowicz – Surviving Bulimia Nervosa

Karen Oberhauser – Preserving the Monarch butterfly

Jearlyn Steele – The joys and struggles of performing with family

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the event starts at 5 p.m. An after-party will follow from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$16.82 (\$15 plus service fee). Go to www.tedxfridley.com to reserve your seat today.

Leaves! Leaves! Leaves!

Don’t “leave” it up to nature to break down your leaf pile; try mulching them with your mower so that your grass can use the nutrients (and save you \$\$ on fertilizer and energy on raking).

What to do with those leaf piles after the kids or grandkids have jumped in them?

Recycle them other ways:

1. Check with your hauler for disposal
2. Take them to a County Compost site: one is near Bunker Hills and one is near Wargo Nature Center. You can find more details by calling 763-323-5730 or check out the County website: www.co.anoka.mn.us and type composting in the search bar. There is a fee of \$5 per 4 cubic yards, and you need to take your bags home with you.

Please keep all leaves out of the street since they can clog stormdrains or cause pollution.

And please keep them out of the creeks and ditches (even along the banks). They can add phosphorus to our creeks, ponds, and lakes. Why? Excess phosphorus can lead to algae blooms which can cause fish die-offs.

If you need a service project or want to organize a Community Cleanup to rake up debris around stormdrains, contact Dawn at Coon Creek Watershed District at 763-755-0975 or email didoering@cooncreekwd.org or Jessica at Rice Creek Watershed District at 763-398-3073.

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- If you feel intimidated or threatened, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.
- Be wary of any request to wire money out of the country, no matter who is requesting it. A common scam is aimed towards seniors when their “grandchild” calls (often from a bad connection) or emails asking for money to get them out of trouble or a bad situation. Always take the time to verify a friend or family member’s whereabouts before sending money.
- If it costs you money, you did not win a prize. If someone is requesting that you send money in order to “process” or “ship” a prize, grant or lottery winnings or to pay taxes on the winnings; or if a foreign politician or royalty is offering to send you money asking you to keep a portion and wire the rest back, it is a scam. Cashier’s checks and money orders can be faked, and it can take weeks after your bank releases funds to discover a check is bad. You will still be liable for the amount of that bad check.
- Caller ID can be faked or manipulated. If a caller is asking for personal information, money or using aggressive tactics, no matter what the caller ID displays, be cautious. Hang up and do your research and/or request an official letter be sent to you explaining the situation in detail. If you receive a call displaying your own name and phone number, it is best not to answer.
- We may live in Minnesota, but not all fishing involves walleye. Phishing is a method of obtaining personal information, often through email or websites, by impersonating legitimate businesses. Fraudulent operators may copy business logos, fake URLs and use fear and urgency to convince you to provide information that can be used for identity theft. Use antispyware software and virus protection on your computers and update it regularly. When in doubt, call the publicly-listed phone number for a company to verify.

To learn more about these and other scams, or if you believe you are the victim of a scam, visit the Minnesota Attorney General website at www.ag.state.mn.us or call 651-296-3353.

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